

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kollin Tierling

Application No.

09/957,004

For

CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR A SWITCH MATRIX AND

SWITCH SENSING

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Examiner

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear, and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record. Thus, applicant accepts the examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, and does not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. No limitation or construction should be inferred from the examiner's statement under rule 104(e).

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